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BPA's low-income weatherization program to continue

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PORTLAND, Ore. – Bonneville Power Administration will extend funding for the low-income weatherization program that was set to end in September of this year.

The NW Energy Coalition and representatives of the four Northwest states, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, have been concerned about the impact on low-income households if the program were to end in September. As a result of discussions with BPA, Administrator [Judith Johansen](#) decided to make between \$3 and \$4 million available annually to continue the program until September 2001. BPA is currently working with its utility customers to create local funding sources for low-income weatherization after that date.

Sara Patton, director of the NW Energy Coalition, acknowledged BPA for its announcement. "BPA's funding has provided a secure base for low-income weatherization in recent years," Patton said. "This extension will insure that the region's low-income consumers and the environment receive the benefits of investments in energy efficiency and weatherization."

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